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SUBJECT: LETTER OF CONDOLENCE TO PRESIDENT OBAMA REGARDING THE  
PASSING OF U.S. SENATOR KENNEDY

¶1. On September 2, 2009, Post received a letter from Nationalist Party President Chhim Seak Leng to President Barack Obama, expressing his condolences regarding the passing of U.S. Senator Kennedy.

¶2. Text of the letter to President Obama follows:

August 31, 2009

Your Excellency,

The Nationalist Party (former Norodom Ranariddh Party) was deeply saddened to learn the passing away of His Excellency Mr. Edward Kennedy, Senator of the United States of America. On behalf of the leadership of the Nationalist Party and on my own behalf, we would like to express our most sincere condolence at this painful time.

It is with highest respect and emotion that today we salute this great Statesman who tirelessly devoted his life for justice, fairness, human rights, democracy, and opportunity for all. We want to pay tribute to his great moral qualities and his political responsibilities. With his passing, the American people lose a great leader who wholeheartedly committed himself to unwaveringly serving his Country.

We would like to convey our sympathies to his great wife, children, grandchildren, and to the people of the United States. We pay tribute to his memory and his great achievements for the People of the United States. May his soul rest in peace!

May I avail myself of this opportunity to express my best wishes for Your Excellency's success, good health personal well-being, as well as for the continued progress and prosperity of Country and its citizens.

Please accept, Your Excellency, the renewed assurances of our highest consideration and personal esteem.

// signed //

Chhim Seak Leng  
President, Nationalist Party

¶3. End text of letter to President Obama.

¶4. The signed original will be sent to the desk by pouch.

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